

REMARKS

Claim 1-5 and 14-39 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 6-13 and 40-42 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and the specification is amended to reference the parent application.

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 from parent application Serial No. 09/917,703, filed July 31, 2001. The Information Disclosure Statement in this application cites the references from the parent application.

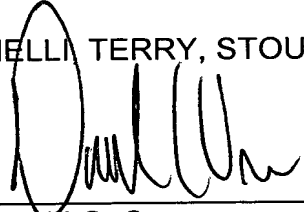
A prompt examination on the merits of claims 1-5 and 14-39 is earnestly solicited.

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